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He has always taken an active part in politics and is a republican, having served a number of times on the election boards of Shelby and Pottawattamie counties. Has served as member of the Walnut board of education and as its president, but is now serving as secretary of the board. He served as mayor of Walnut for three terms, and is president of the Walnut volunteer fire department which he helped organize when he first became mayor.

He has been very active in lodge circles, and is serving his 30th term as secretary of his local Odd Fellow lodge, and is now lodge representative to the I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge for Pottawattamie county, and is also serving his 11th year as secretary of the local Masonic lodge of Walnut. Elected representative in 1914. Re-elected in 1916.



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